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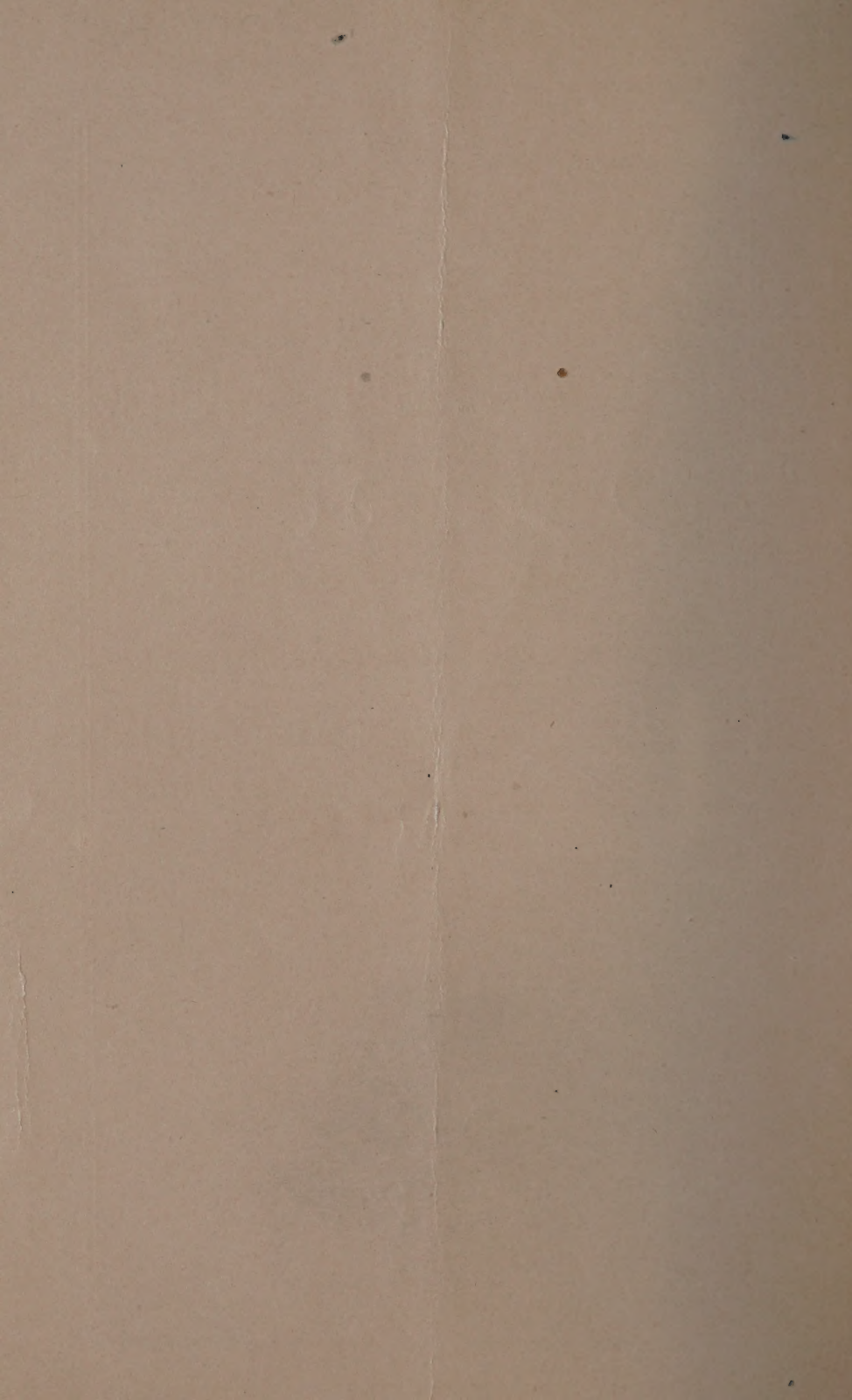
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REPORT.

Amount of taxes committed to the collector for 1884,	\$4,292.98
Highway tax assessed April 1, 1883, as returned in settlement with highway surveyors, July 7, 1884, and committed to the collector,	36.56
	<hr/> \$4,329.54
The collector has paid into the treasury in cash, abatements, and receipts for non-resident highway tax worked out,	\$3,847.75
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Due from collector,	\$481.79

RECEIPTS.

Received from former treasurer,	\$7.51
Tristram Sanborn, on tax-list of 1882,	88.43
Jesse D. Sanborn, on tax-list of 1883,	312.96
Jesse D. Sanborn, on tax-list of 1884,	3,847.75
Dorcas A. Eastman, on note of town,	50.00
Cyrus A. Stone, on note of town,	50.00
Emeline Hoit, balance on Jackman place,	51.62
John R. Dodge, on note of town,	70.00
Elmer E. Courser, " "	80.00
Rhoda A. Hilburn, " "	40.00
Charlie Kimball, " "	200.00
Frank A. Lang, for hearse-house,	9.00
town of Boscawen, for cutting bushes and other improvements in East cemetery,	3.75
Merrimack county, for support of paupers,	54.50

Received highway tax assessed April, 1882, not worked July 7, 1883, and collected in	
money,	\$13.80
woodchuck bounties,	56.60
literary fund,	64.40
railroad tax,	137.40
savings-bank tax,	1,109.26
	<hr/> \$6,246.98

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

• Paid Pearson & Pattee, printing town reports,	\$25.00
J. C. Hilburn, damage to carriage,	1.50
Edson C. Eastman, surveyor's-book and stationery,	5.78
Moses F. Heath, work in cemetery, near town-house,	5.25
Moses F. Heath, digging grave,	1.50
Cyrus Runnells, service perambulating town line,	1.50
Grace Dodge, injury to self and child on highway, July 17, 1884,	100.00
Moses F. Heath, cutting bushes and clear- ing up East cemetery,	7.50
Moses F. Heath, digging grave,	1.50
Hattie E. Bills, board of men at work on bridge,	22.00
George W. Jackman, drawing, fitting wood, and care of town hall,	5.00
Joseph B. Thurber, horse hire,	2.00
Carter F. Blanchard, digging grave,	1.50
Carter F. Blanchard, mowing and clearing up Riverdale cemetery,	5.77
Burbank Brothers, lumber,	78.06
W. W. Austin, use of water for the years 1883 and 1884,	6.00
Foss & Merrill, for surveying road and making plan in Dodge case,	10.00
Chase & Streeter, counsel fees,	30.50

Paid Daniel G. Holmes, cash paid for town officer,	\$2.00
D. G. Holmes, horse hire,	5.00
John B. Chase, iron work for hearse, sharpening bars and drills,	5.20
D. G. Holmes, cash paid for carriage circle,	.75
B. H. Watson, stove and pipe for town hall,	30.88
N. H. Arey, return of births and deaths,	1.25
George Little, powder, fuse, and glass,	4.89
Cyrus A. Stone, books furnished indigent children,	1.50
George W. Jackman, making repairs on town hall,	2.50
O. H. Fitz, use of water,	2.50
Farnsworth Shattuck, driving and care of hearse,	7.00
Farnsworth Shattuck, snowing bridges,	5.00
H. L. Dodge, use of water,	2.50
E. H. Smiley, use of blocks,	.50
Chandler Eastman, one set of hearse sleds,	37.00
Atherton Sweatt, board of supervisor, selectmen, and room-rent,	21.75
W. S. Putney, drawing hearse sleds to Webster,	.50
Joseph H. Sanborn, use of water,	3.00
Col. C. C. Kimball, use of water,	3.00
William W. Burbank, horse hire, car fare, and expenses,	15.35
William W. Burbank, nails for East cemetery fence,	3.00
H. J. Brackett, board, use of tools, and work on bridge,	1.75
Daniel G. Holmes, copying school-district lines,	2.00
Dr. J. Wilson, return of certificate of birth,	.25
	<hr/> \$469.43

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Tyler C. Sweatt, work on road with team,	\$16.26
Geo. T. Sanborn, breaking out Mutton road,	3.00
Jacob Quimby, work on road,	1.27
Oscar A. Drown, shavings for highway,	6.00
Geo. T. Sanborn, use of road machine,	57.00
Charles F. Sanborn, work on road,	4.63
Arthur E. French, work on road,	2.50
Simeon F. Sanborn, work on road,	.54
Col. C. C. Kimball, snowing Blackwater bridge,	2.50
E. C. Little, work on highway with team and road machine,	12.00
Joseph B. Knowlton, work on road and putting up railing at Bailey brook,	10.77
Joseph B. Thurber, work on road in 1883,	1.50
James L. Colby, work on highway,	10.97
D. G. Holmes, work on road,	3.00
Tyler C. Sweatt, work on road with team,	3.50
Joseph R. Searles, work on road with team,	3.65
Orlando H. Fitz, work on road,	5.00
Joseph B. Thurber, work on bridge, road, and cutting bushes,	14.10
D. G. Holmes, work on road and drawing plank for Jackman bridge,	4.88
J. H. Jepson, work on bridge,	5.62
Geo. C. Chase, work on road and bridge,	8.64
Henry C. Brackett, work on road,	2.50
Elmer E. Courser, drilling stone and work on bridge,	10.31
H. J. Brackett, work on road and drawing plank,	5.62
Geo. C. Chase, work on bridge and road,	12.86
Geo. C. Chase, work on bridge,	6.00
D. G. Holmes, work on bridge and road,	19.50
F. W. Daniels, work on bridge,	6.87

Paid Kirk Bills, work on bridge,	\$20.00
D. G. Holmes, work on road,	2.00
Gilman Jones, blasting stones,	2.85
J. B. Thurber, work on bridge and road,	16.50
Carter F. Blanchard, work on road,	.45
Henry F. Pearson, work on road,	3.12
Wm. W. Burbank, work on road and bridge, and labor furnished,	16.50
Stephen Hanson, work on road and cut- ting bushes,	5.12
W. W. Austin, work on road,	10.00
John Dowling, use of derrick, labor fur- nished, and work on bridge,	130.00
J. H. Jepson, work on road,	12.80
W. W. Austin, work on road,	2.50
D. G. Holmes, work on bridge,	3.50
W. S. Putney, work on Webster hill road,	1.00
Frank D. Tilton, breaking roads,	8.04
Orlando H. Fitz, breaking roads,	1.10
James L. Colby, work on Beaver Dam bridge,	1.55
James L. Colby, work on bridge and breaking road,	5.36
Farnsworth Shattuck, work on road,	1.50
C. F. Sanborn, cutting bushes,	2.50
Geo. C. Chase, work on road with team, and work on bridge,	3.50
J. H. Jepson, putting up bridge-railings,	9.50
J. Kilborn, work on road with team,	9.00
J. B. Thurber, work on road and labor furnished,	8.45
Joseph Knowlton, work on road with team,	1.99
Heman B. Sanborn, work on road in 1883,	3.50
	<hr/> \$523.32

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid Walter J. Simpson,	agent Dist. No. 1,	\$75.58
Tyler C. Sweatt,	" " 2,	72.27
Wm. W. Burbank,	" " 3,	123.15

Paid Mrs. John Bartlett,	agent Dist. No. 4,	\$54.53	
Francis B. Sawyer,	" "	6,	110.08
James H. Jepson,	" "	7,	64.00
D. G. Holmes,	" "	8,	143.84
Mrs. J. H. Sanborn,	" "	9,	122.11
Eastman,	" "	10,	3.37
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			\$768.93

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Paid Tyler C. Sweatt,	\$3.50
Sherman Little,	2.50
Thomas Elliott,	6.00
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	\$12.00

BOUNTIES ON WOODCHUCKS.

Paid H. Sawyer,	\$.40
F. Shattuck,	.80
F. Shepard,	.60
H. Tilton,	.20
Charles Tilton,	.10
A. Trumbull,	.30
M. T. Thurber,	.80
Ervin Thurber,	1.00
J. B. Thurber,	.20
Isaac Waldron,	.70
C. Wadleigh,	.80
N. Watson,	.10
J. S. Whittier,	.60
E. Mayo,	.70
A. Mignault,	1.40
Fred Mignault,	.70
Marstin,	.20
J. Perkins,	1.10
Charles Putney,	.10
W. H. Putney,	.10
L. C. Putney,	.60
W. Peters,	.10
L. Quimby,	1.10
D. C. Rolfe,	1.30

F. Rolfe,	\$.30
F. Roberts,	.50
A. Rayno,	.10
H. Sanborn,	.30
W. Sanborn,	1.10
W. J. Sanborn,	.90
Charles Sanborn,	.20
L. Simpson,	1.30
Fred Silver,	2.60
Geo. H. Stone,	2.10
J. Brackett,	1.10
F. Brackett,	1.00
H. J. Brackett,	.30
Geo. Bartlett,	1.70
Wm. H. Clough,	.30
Frank Courser,	1.10
Geo. Chase,	.20
W. Chase,	.30
J. B. Couch,	2.00
I. A. Call,	.60
E. E. Courser,	.10
F. J. Courser,	.70
Fred Chase,	.10
John R. Dodge,	.60
Willis Hoit,	.30
H. Holmes,	1.20
Wm. Holmes,	.20
W. A. Huntoon,	.30
H. Jepson,	.50
G. W. Jackman,	.10
C. D. Jackman,	.40
A. F. Holmes,	.60
D. L. Holmes,	.60
E. Jones,	.90
W. Kilburn,	1.10
J. B. Knowlton,	1.60
S. Little,	.10
Thomas Elliott,	.10
L. P. Flanders,	1.10

Walter Flanders,	\$1.10
A. E. French,	.10
E. C. Gerrish,	1.50
Charles George,	2.00
C. D. Glitten,	1.20
H. Goodwin,	1.10
W. G. Goodhue,	1.30
Charles Goodhue,	.10
D. Hanson,	.60
G. Hanson,	.80
W. Hanson,	.30
J. C. S. Kilburn,	.20
M. Heath,	.20
Ben Prescott Little,	.10
Chester Lord,	.10
J. R. Searles,	.80
S. Sanborn,	.60
Fred Sanborn,	.40
T. C. Sweatt,	.90
Shepard,	.50
C. A. Stone,	.10
	<hr/> \$56.60

ABATEMENTS.

Paid Tristram Sanborn, sundry abatements,	\$78.13
Jesse D. Sanborn, “	39.43
	<hr/> \$126.56

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid state tax,	\$788.00
county tax,	775.39
	<hr/> \$1,563.39

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid William H. Clough, support of Ruth D.	
Clough,	\$50.00
Dr. Cogswell, medical attendance to Joshua	
Downing,	4.50
	<hr/> \$54.50

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Harris Goodwin, services as supervisor,	\$9.25	
Gilman Jones, " "	8.00	
Frank A. Lang, " "	9.00	
Atherton Sweatt, services as town-clerk,	20.23	
Atherton Sweatt, services as town treasurer,	20.00	
Cyrus H. Stone, services as superintending school committee,	48.00	
Daniel G. Holmes, services as selectman,	71.30	
Wm. W. Burbank, " "	49.50	
Joseph B. Thurber, " "	51.75	
Jesse D. Sanborn, collecting taxes for the year 1884, postage stamps, and expense,	47.92	
George T. Sanborn, services after settlement,	5.00	
		<hr/> \$339.95

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Paid miscellaneous bills,	\$469.43	
roads and bridges,	523.32	
abatements,	126.56	
state tax,	788.00	
county tax,	775.39	
support of paupers,	54.50	
town officers,	339.95	
school money,	768.93	
sheep killed by dogs,	12.00	
highway tax paid in labor,	32.83	
bonds and interest,	1,294.00	
notes and interest,	111.70	
woodchuck bounties,	56.60	
cash in the treasury,	893.77	
		<hr/> \$6,246.98

DEBT OF TOWN MARCH 1, 1885.

In notes to Ellen K. Abbott,	\$100.00
Martha George,	155.00
Moody A. Pillsbury,	375.00
Charles D. Glitten,	1,773.00
Charles W. Spaulding,	90.00
George S. Austin,	100.00
Merrimack Co. Fire Ins. Co.,	100.00
Clara Rand,	224.00
Cyrus A. Stone,	250.00
Edward Buxton,	200.00
Abial Trumbull,	80.00
Mary L. Dodge,	100.00
Charles George,	50.00
Gustie Stone,	40.00
Harris Goodwin,	100.00
Winfield S. Call,	20.00
John R. Dodge,	120.00
Charles G. Tilton,	25.00
Eliza J. Call,	175.00
Warren Abbott,	400.00
Dorcas A. Eastman,	50.00
Rhoda A. Hilburn,	40.00
Elmer E. Courser,	80.00
Charlie Kimball,	200.00
In bonds,	3,900.00
	<hr/> \$8,747.00

ASSETS.

Jesse D. Sanborn, collector, 1879,	\$58.69
Tristram Sanborn, collector, 1882,	189.13
Jesse D. Sanborn, collector, 1883,	46.76
Jesse D. Sanborn, collector, 1884,	481.79
Jackman wood-lot,	250.00
Cash in treasury,	893.77
	<hr/> \$1,920.14

Town debt, in notes and bonds,	\$8,747.00
Assets,	1,920.14
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Balance against the town,	\$6,826.86

DANIEL G. HOLMES,
WILLIAM W. BURBANK,
JOSEPH B. THURBER,
Selectmen of Webster.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF WEBSTER, APRIL 1, 1884.

164 polls,	\$16,400.00
Non-resident tax,	33,958.00
Resident tax,	197,575.00
148 horses,	9,158.00
92 oxen,	5,580.00
310 cows,	7,351.00
183 other stock,	3,741.00
1,365 sheep,	3,334.00
11 hogs,	100.00
12 carriages,	800.00
Stock in public funds,	3,400.00
Money on hand, at interest, or on de- posit,	32,083.00
Stock in trade,	2,900.00
Mills, carding machines, and other machinery,	5,800.00
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	\$322,180.00
Money tax, \$1.29 on \$100.	
Highway tax, 25 cents on \$100.	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the year ending March 1st, 1885.

The town treasurer respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year :

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1884,	\$7.51	
Received of Tristram Sanborn, collector, 1882,	88.43	
“ Jesse D. Sanborn, “ 1883,	312.96	
“ “ “ 1884,	3,847.75	
“ the selectmen,	622.67	
“ savings-bank tax,	1,109.26	
“ railroad tax,	137.40	
“ literary fund,	64.40	
“ woodchuck bounties,	56.60	
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		\$6,246.98

EXPENDITURES.

Paid bonds and interest,	\$1,294.00	
note and interest,	111.70	
school money,	768.93	
non-resident highway tax receipts,	32.83	
state tax,	788.00	
county tax,	775.39	
orders of the selectmen,	1,582.36	
cash in the treasury,	893.77	
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		\$6,246.98

ATHERTON SWEATT, *Town Treasurer.*

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Webster the following report is respectfully submitted :

The whole number of different scholars attending school not less than two weeks was 110 ;—boys, 58 ; girls, 52. Average attendance for the year, 85.24. Amount of money appropriated for the support of schools, \$726.46. Literary fund, \$59. Other sources, \$18. Amount to each scholar, \$7.30.

SWEATT'S MILLS—No. 1.

Miss Susie C. Bailey, teacher.

Summer term.—Length in weeks, 8 ; number of scholars, 14 ; average, 11.

Fall term.—Length in weeks, 10 ; number of scholars, 11 ; average, 10.

The teacher entered her school without previous experience, but with many excellent qualifications for the work. A feeling of harmony seemed to prevail in the school-room. The scholars were interested in their studies, and the exercises at the close indicated that good progress had been made.

PLEASANT ST.—No. 2.

Summer term.—Miss Ida L. Sweatt, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 7 ; number of scholars, 18 ; average attendance, 13 ; wages a month, including board, \$18.

This school was commenced by Miss Sarah E. Coffin, a teacher of extensive experience and good reputation. Owing to ill-health, she was obliged to resign her position at the end of one week. The remainder of the term was taught by Miss Sweatt. It was her first school. She was energetic and faithful in her efforts, and the term was as profitable as could reasonably be expected.

Winter term.—Miss Mary R. Webster, teacher. Length in weeks, 9; number of scholars, 16; average, $13\frac{1}{2}$. An unusually interesting and successful term. The scholars manifested a commendable interest in their studies, and exhibited evidences of substantial improvement.

CORSER HILL—No. 3.

Miss Mary R. Webster, teacher.

Summer term.—Length in weeks, 10; number of scholars, 11; average, 10.94; wages a month, including board, \$20.

Fall term.—Length in weeks, 12; number of scholars, 13; average, 12; wages, \$20.

This school has fully sustained its reputation for good scholarship and correct deportment. The examination exercises afforded ample proof that the scholars had obtained a definite knowledge of the subjects studied, thus making sure the foundations whereon to build for the future. Miss Webster discharged the responsibilities of the teachers' profession with her accustomed skill and fidelity.

BATTLE ST.—No. 4.

Miss Emma P. Fitz, teacher.

Length of school in weeks, 13.4; number of scholars, 9; average attendance, 9; wages a month, \$19.

The appearance of the school indicated that the time had been well improved. The teacher readily won the confidence and esteem of her pupils, and imparted the necessary instruction in a manner that was pleasing and praiseworthy.

LITTLE HILL—No. 6.

Miss Sarah E. Sawyer, teacher.

Summer term.—Length in weeks, 9 ; number of scholars, 3 ; average, 2.85.

Fall term.—Length in weeks, 10.2 ; number of scholars, 4 ; average, 4 ; wages a month, including board, \$20.

The methods pursued in conducting the daily exercises afforded a practical exemplification of the benefits to be derived from a course of normal instruction. The school, all there was of it, profited by the timely suggestions and directions of the teacher, and won a reputation for intelligent and progressive scholarship.

WHITE PLAIN—No. 7.

Summer term.—Mrs. Addie G. Pillsbury, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 8 ; number of scholars, 9 ; wages a month, \$16.

The fact that the teacher was employed for a third term denotes that her services were appreciated. Her methods were adapted to the comprehension of the scholars, and good advancement attended the efforts of those who were disposed to study.

Fall term.—Miss Mary A. Austin, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 8 ; number of scholars, 9 ; wages a month, \$16.

Miss Austin displayed good judgment and executive ability in the general management of her school. The instruction was *mainly* correct and appropriate. The orderly appearance of the school at the examination was worthy of complimentary notice.

BASHAN—No. 8.

Miss J. Stella Holmes, teacher.

Summer term.—Length in weeks, 9 ; number of scholars, 17 ; average attendance, 15.2 ; wages, \$24.

Fall term.—Length in weeks, 12 ; number of scholars, 16 ; average attendance, 14 ; wages, \$27.

It was evidently the teacher's design to make her school interesting and profitable to every scholar. Several prizes were offered, as inducements to industry, punctuality, and loyalty to the school government. These prizes were won by Ada F.

Holmes, Effa N. Burbank, Emma F. Holmes, Willie Fiske, Mary Gerrish, and Alice Mayo.

PUTNEY, No. 9.

Summer term.—Miss Stella G. Wright, teacher. Length of term in weeks, 8; number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 14.

Miss Wright was well qualified, and earnest in her purpose to advance the best interests of her pupils. The character of the exercises witnessed during our visit must have been the result of competent instruction and diligent attention to study.

Fall term.—Mr. George H. Sargent, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 8.2; number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 16; wages a month, including board, \$28.40.

The teacher seemed to be well informed in his knowledge of the books. Indications at the commencement awakened hopes of a prosperous term. Subsequent information, derived from various sources, was mostly favorable. Further than this we decline to express an opinion, as owing to the neglect of the prudential committee to forward due notice, we were unable to be present at the close.

In discharging our official duties, it has been our purpose to discover and encourage whatever was of true merit rather than to find fault and magnify defects. Our quest in this direction has proved successful. The teachers, probably without exception, have rendered the best service of which they were capable, and the scholars, almost without exception, have appreciated and improved the facilities thus afforded. Defects have existed: they always will. The records of tardiness, absence, and frequent dismissals continue to drag their "crows'-foot tracks" along the columns of the teacher's register. It is a relief, however, to know that some prominent instances of habitual tardiness were the result not of negligence, but of absolute necessity. Such a condition of things is nevertheless to be regretted, and, so far as possible, avoided.

It has been found somewhat difficult during the last few years to maintain a uniformity of text-books. Some of our good

people appear to forget that it is the duty of the school committee to prescribe what books shall be used. To serve the purpose of a short-sighted economy, they send their children to school with whatever books they happen to have on hand. Such a course, if tolerated and generally practised, would result in confusion, and the usefulness of our schools would be at an end. The efforts put forth to counteract this evil have not been for the purpose of asserting authority, but to discharge an evident and important obligation.

Looking back across the years that have elapsed since our earliest recollection, we have been impressed with the thought that our schools, notwithstanding their minor defects and temporary reverses, have proved a substantial success. They have opened the door by which talent, energy, and ambition might pass from the humblest circumstances to positions of responsibility and renown. And how well these privileges have been improved! The sons and daughters of our own state are found in every part of the Union, and the influence of their early training, received primarily in the "old district school-house," is bearing its full part in shaping the character, the progress, and the ultimate destiny of the American Republic.

Let us, then, cherish and protect the vital interests that cluster round our public schools, adapting our methods to the living demands of the times;—so may we worthily discharge the responsibilities which we owe, not only to the present, but to all succeeding generations.

CYRUS A. STONE,
ELLEN K. ABBOTT,
N. W. BAILEY,
S. S. Committee of Webster.

February 28, 1885.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Mabel A. Chase,	Dora V. Bartlett,
Fred Chase,	Ina M. Stone,
John L. Fitz,	Emma T. Holmes,
George H. Sweatt,	Gracie N. Thurber,
Hattie A. French,	Alice M. Mayo,
Myra L. Sweatt,	Mary J. Brackett,
Jessie E. Pearson,	Ada F. Holmes,
Mary L. Goodwin,	D. Lawrence Holmes,
Alice W. Goodwin,	Irvin A. Thurber,
Carrie E. Goodwin,	Willie T. Fiske,
Florence S. Jackman,	Nellie A. Elliott,
John C. Fairbanks,	Estella A. Roby,
George H. Fairbanks,	Arthur H. Roby,
Clarence Heath,	Johnnie C. Sanborn,
Fred L. Bartlett,	Arthur H. Trumbull,
George E. Bartlett,	Burton H. Trumbull.
Herman L. Bartlett,	

Humphrey, Dodge & Smith,

CONCORD, N. H.

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